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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1-2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Currently Amended) A compound having the following formula (I) or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof:

$$R_4$$
 R_3
 R_2
 CO_2R_1

wherein:

R₁ represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl-protecting group,

R₂ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxyl group or hydroxyl group,

R₃ represents a thiophenyl or furyl group or an aromatic group selected from the group consisting of 5 membered and 6-membered hotorocyclic groups and R₃ has a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxyl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, an amino group, a formyl group, an acyl acetyl group, a carbamoyl group, a ureido group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group and a carboxyl group, and

R4 represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom.

- 4. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 3 or the pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, wherein in Formula (I), R₄ is a hydrogen atom or a fluorine atom.
 - 5. (Previously Presented) The compound claim 3 or the pharmacologically

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acceptable salt thereof of, wherein in Formula (I), R1 is a hydrogen atom.

6-8. (Cancelled)

- 9. (Currently Amended) An antibacterial agent composition comprising the compound of claim 3 or the pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, as an active ingredient.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The antibacterial agent composition of claim 9, where in Formula (I), R₄ is a hydrogen atom or a fluorine atom.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The antibacterial agent composition of claim 9, wherein in Formula (I), R_1 is a hydrogen atom.

12-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method preparing a compound having the following formula (1):

$$R_6$$
 R_6
 R_7
 R_8
 R_8
 R_8
 R_9
 R_9

wherein:

R₁ represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl-protecting group,

R₂ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxyl group or hydroxyl group,

R₄ represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom.

R₅ represents a thiophenyl or furyl group or an aromatic group selected from the group consisting of 5 membered and 6 membered heterocyclic groups, and

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R₆ represents a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxyl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, an amino group, a formyl group, an acetyl acyl group, a carbamoyl group, a ureido group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group and a carboxyl group, or the pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

said method comprising reacting a compound (2) having the following formula (2):

$$R_4$$
 R_2
 R_2
 R_2

wherein:

R₁ represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl-protecting group,

R₂ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxyl group or hydroxyl group,

R4 represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom, and

X represents a halogen atom,

with a compound having the following formula (3):

wherein:

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R₅ represents a <u>thiophenyl or furyl</u> group or an aromatic group selected from the group consisting of 5 membered and 6 membered heterocyclic groups,

R₆ represents a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxyl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, an amino group, a formyl group, an aeyl acetyl group, a carbamoyl group, a ureido group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group and a carboxyl group,

L₁ represents tin (alkyl group)₂, and

L₂ represents boron (lower alkoxy group)₂₇.

- 16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein in Formula (I), R₄ is a hydrogen atom or a fluorine atom.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein Formula (I), R_1 is a hydrogen atom.

18-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing a compound having the following formula (1):

$$R_6$$
 R_6
 R_7
 R_8
 R_9
 R_9
 R_9
 R_9
 R_9

wherein:

R₁ represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl-protecting group,

R₂ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxyl group or hydroxyl group,

R4 represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom,

 R_5 represents a thiophenyl or furyl group or an aromatic group selected from

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the group consisting of 5-membered and 6-membered-heterocyclic groups, and

R₆ represents a substitutent substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxyl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, an amino group, a formyl group, an acyl acetyl group, a carbamoyl group, a ureido group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group and a carboxyl group, or the pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof,

said method comprising reacting a compound (2) having the following formula (2):

$$R_4$$
 CO_2R_1
 R_2
 CO_2R_1

wherein:

R₁ represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl-protecting group,

R₂ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxyl group or hydroxyl group,

R4 represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom.

L₁ represents tin (alkyl group)₂, and

L₂ represents boron (lower alkoxy group)₂,

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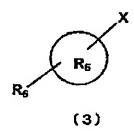
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with a compound having the following formula (3):



wherein:

R₅ represents a thiophenyl or furyl group or an aromatic group selected from the group consisting of 5-membered and 5 membered heterocyclic groups, and

R₆ represents a substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxyl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, an amino group, an aeyl acetyl group, a carbamoyl group, a ureido group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group and a carboxyl group, and

X represents a halogen atom.

- 22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein in Formula (I), R₄ is a hydrogen atom or a fluorine atom.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein in Formula (I), R₁ is a hydrogen atom.

24-25. (Cancelled)